GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

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WATER REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nayak Shri B.V.

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have been asked by the Union Government to establish water regulatory authority in theirrespective States for overseeing water pricing and conducting water audits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain States have in past expressed reservations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION; PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) The National Water Policy, 2012, inter-alia recommends setting up of an independent statutory Water Regulatory Authority by each State to fix and regulate the water tariff system. Copies of the National Water Policy, 2012 have been forwarded to all State Governments / Union Territories for appropriate action.

(c) & (d) After the forwarding of the National Water Policy, 2012, no reference expressing reservation in this regard has been received from any State Government.